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Sioux are suffering from cold weather and much suffering.

Baron Brokovich, a Russian nihilist, who was convicted of an attempt to kill the Czar, being driven to despair by poverty, shot himself in Kansas City, Mo.

Senator Sherman has reported the Nicaragua Canal bill, proposing to give a government guarantee for an issue of \$100,000,000 in bonds.

The Senate committee has agreed to amendments still further reducing pension attorneys' fees.

Attorney General Tabor condemns assessment societies which issue "endowment certificates" as being against the law. More lottery schemes are exposed.

The Democratic Club opened its new house at No. 615 Fifth avenue with a reception and feasting.

H. Hider Haggard reached New York on his way to study Mexican antiquities.

Several doctors from Berlin arrived with supplies of leprosy on the Atlantic.

A normalization of the sugar trust has been successfully accomplished under the laws of New Jersey.

Never Print a paid advertisement as news matter. Let every advertisement appear as an advertisement—not sailing under false colors.—Charles A. Dana's Address to the Wisconsin Editorial Association, Milwaukee, July 24, 1888.

A STORY IS TOLD of an advertiser who presented himself at the New York Herald counter with a three thousand dollar roll as an offer for a half column advertisement with a good sized accompanying it. The "ad." was refused without even consulting Mr. Howland. There is a standing rule in the Herald office to never insert advertising cuts.—Exchange.

THE EXPENDITURE FOR PENSIONS for the year ending June 30, as now officially stated, amounted to \$109,357,534. In the previous year we paid \$87,044,779 11, while in the year before that we paid \$80,288,503 77. The cost of the German army, it may be interesting to note, is for this year estimated at \$91,726,293. Besides our pensions our army costs \$30,000,000.

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let your heart ache. The Esquimaux of Labrador huddle round an oil lamp to keep themselves from freezing. Nobody cares whether they live or die. Our religion is so diluted that when they are stiff with cold we simply say, "There are plenty left," and then go about our business. Well, there are Esquimaux in New York, whole tribes of them. In the winter months they scrape a few coals out of ash barrels, are half clad, half starved, half dead.

There are working girls who stitch till their fingers and lips are blue, try to exist, as Balzac did in his youth, on eight cents a day. Do we know where they live or, for that matter, do we care? Have we the slightest interest in them, will we take any trouble to set the wrong right which oppresses them and dooms them to a crust? Does the upper half of society, the philanthropic men and women, the cultured, the refined and wealthy, do anything to make life less a burden to these poor creatures? Five minutes' walk will bring us to their miserable abodes, but we prefer to ride or walk in the Park.

The minister on Sunday tells us we are brethren; if so, we are mean and niggardly toward our poor and sick relations. When the sermon is over we may sigh with pity, but the forlorn are still forlorn. The beautiful church spire pierces the clouds, but it represents a religion which is impotent and indifferent.

There you have the contrast. You need not travel abroad to see it. There is misery enough to make the world's heart ache, if it has any heart, close at hand, but no tears are shed unless some novelist describes it, and even then we close the book, praise the author and think of something else.

We have in New York philosophers who represent the last victories of the human brain, and pirates who belong to the age of buccannery. We have poetry, painting, science, inventive genius, abundant generosity and other priceless things which seem to show that the millennium is not far off. But stop a minute; we have also footpads from the Middle Ages, scoury rogues whose hand is against every man.

We have citizens whose wealth is so far beyond computation that Aladdin's lamp is nowhere, who never need have an ungratified wish. We say, What a prosperous, contented, happy country this must be. Well, think a moment. We have other citizens, victims of a cruel fate, with not enough to eat, wretchedly housed, poorly clad, hungry, without work and without hope. The same city limits include all these folk, but they never come into personal contact, are strangers to each other, are not simply indifferent, but entertain a mutual aversion—the poor hating the rich, the rich despising the poor.

If you want a grave problem to think of there it is.

To the Rescue of the Adirondacks.

If New York is to have a great park in the Adirondacks we must have a new Forest Commission right away.

The Herald has made that important fact clear by bringing to light the astounding condition of affairs in that region.

That Bessie should be ousted speedily and summarily goes without saying. No man is fit to be a Commissioner who is interested in the lumber business. No man can be trusted to protect the rights of the State who has his own private interests to further.

The other two Commissioners should be called upon to go at once, because they have proved their unfitness for the place by their conspicuous failure to discharge the duties confided to them.

No State in the Union has had a better opportunity than New York to secure a magnificent pleasure ground—one that would be second only to the national park in the Yellowstone region; that would be for all time a picturesque resort for pleasure and health seekers. This great public boon would be now assured had there been the right sort of a Forest Commission.

But under the present Commissioners the most attractive wooded lands have been devastated by lumber speculators and schemes have been worked to turn the best parts of the forest to private gain. In this pillage and sharp practice the commission has been hoodwinked, if it has not betrayed the interests of the State.

The result is that what might have been easily and inexpensively done in behalf of the people at the start can now only be accomplished with greater difficulty and expense. But it must be accomplished.

The Herald has sounded the alarm on the plunderers, and shown the necessity of a new commission. It now rests with the authorities at Albany to turn out the delinquent incumbents and put in their places men awake to the great value of a magnificent park in the Adirondacks.

BLAINE IS anxious for arbitration on the Behring Sea question—now.

"They Dearly Love a Duke."

The phrase was once contemptuously applied to the great British public, and we should be glad if we could be persuaded that it did not concern ourselves.

Unhappily, however, we cannot lay our hands on our hearts with the proud consciousness that we are not like unto those Britishers.

The matrimonial story of the past few years, and other things to which it might be painful to refer, forbid us to play the Pharisee. But this much we can all say with clear consciences:—we do not love dukes who write music.

There would not at first sight seem any reason why dukes should not compose as well as other men. But that is the theoretic side of the question. Experience shows that they do not write good music.

It would need a good many decorations to induce us to sit through two performances of "Diana of Solange."

In the jargon of the law we say this "without prejudice."

Duke Ernest of Saxe-Coburg-Gotha, the estimable old gentleman who perpetrated the opera sung at the Metropolitan Opera House on Friday night, may have domestic and even political virtues. We, alas! know him only by his music, which is dreadful.

Why did Mr. Stanton make the mistake of producing "Diana of Solange"? Why, after

the deplorable result of the production, does he not withdraw the Duke's effusion?

We have too real a regard for the director of the Metropolitan Opera House to believe that he had no higher motive than the hope of obtaining a decoration when he unearthed this most unlively "Diana."

But, if the gossips smile and whisper that he, too, "loves a duke," whose fault is it?

Commander Reiter to Secretary Tracy.

Whether a court of inquiry is the right of Commander Reiter or a matter within the discretion of the Secretary of the Navy Mr. Tracy can hardly afford to refuse it.

His censure of the Commander for failing to protect Barrundia was about as severe as has ever been publicly administered to an American naval officer. Reiter now declares that he did his duty on the occasion in question and pronounces the Secretary's rebuke "unjust, undeserved and unwarranted."

A dutiful naval officer values highly his honor and must sorely lament any stain unjustly put upon it. To give Commander Reiter an opportunity to defend himself would seem to be but an act of simple justice.